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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" The Hon. Minister stated that he had passed on the memorandum to the Special Officer at Kozhikode. May I know from him whether he has made any recommendation on the memorandum to start a dispensary at Pazhayangadi? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" To open a dispensary requires a recurring expenditure of Rs. 9,000 for the cost of medicines, establishment, etc., and a non-recurring expenditure of Rs. 40,000 for the building. The Special Officer has said, ' We are heavily in deficit and we cannot undertake the work.' "

Area of operation of the South Arcot Electricity Distribution Company.

* 1186 *Q.*—SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the area of operation of the licensee, South Arcot Electricity Distribution Company, Limited?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" About 1,300 square miles, i.e., Tindivanam, Villupuram, Cuddalore and Chidambaram taluks in South Arcot district."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" From the answer given by the Hon. Minister it is apparent that more than half the district is outside the area of operation of the licensee. So, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to bestow more attention on extension of electricity in the areas outside the operation of the licensee? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The request of my hon. Friend will be considered."

Starting of a Regional Coconut Research Station in Malabar.

* 1187 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) what was the estimated financial commitments involved in the proposals of the Indian Central Coconut Committee, Ernakulam, to start a Regional Coconut Research Station in Malabar; and

(*b*) whether the proposals contained any promise of assistance from the Central Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The estimated cost of the Scheme for the establishment of a Regional Coconut Research Station in Malabar district was Rs. 81,700 recurring and Rs. 2,67,400 non-recurring for a period of five years against an anticipated receipt of Rs. 70,000. The

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Scheme was deferred in view of the present financial stringency. If the Scheme had been taken up, the entire non-recurring expenditure would be met by the State Government and the recurring expenditure would be shared by the Indian Central Coconut Committee and the State Government on 50 : 50 basis. The receipts from the Scheme would be shared by the Indian Central Coconut Committee and the State Government on a 40 : 60 basis.

" (*b*) The Government of India offered a grant of Rs. 12,800 being their share of the net recurring expenditure on the Scheme for the entire period of the Scheme after deducting their share, viz., 40 per cent of the total receipts."

* 1188 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" I am not putting the question, Sir."

Acquisition of house-sites for Harijans in municipal areas.

* 1189 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that house-sites for Harijans are not acquired in municipal areas; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Assignment of lands to stone cutters for quarrying purpose in Chirakkal taluk.

* 1190 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state— **12 noon.**

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations recently from the stone cutters of Government poramboke quarry and other quarries in Mangatparamba, Taliparamba firka, Chirakkal taluk, requesting permission to cut stones from Government quarries in neighbouring villages and reduction in assessment; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. Only one representation has been received from the stone cutters of Andoor amsam and desam, North Malabar, requesting allotment of lands in R.S. No. 76 in Mangattu paramba for quarrying *or*, in the alternative, to exempt them from paying the rent due to Government, since they will have to quarry in private lands.

" (*b*) The land in R.S. No. 76 of Mangattu paramba has been reserved for growing grass for the use of the villagers and is not therefore available for allotment. It is also not possible